

Anti-nuclear protesters call for U.S. to join freeze

Associated Press

LONDON — Europe's anti-nuclear protesters, marching by the thousands in traditional Eastertime peace rallies, called on Washington Monday to match Moscow's freeze on deploying medium-range missiles.

Arrests of trespassers and demonstrators were reported outside U.S. missile bases in Britain, Italy and West Germany, but police reported no major incidents linked to the anti-nuclear rallies.

British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher rejected the call made by Soviet leader Mikhail S. Gorbachev on Sunday for a freeze on deployment of new U.S. cruise and Pershing 2 missiles in Europe.

Thatcher said to end NATO deployments now would "freeze in" an enormous Soviet advantage, estimated by the White House at 10 to 1.

Other U.S. allies in Europe declined specific comment on Gorbachev's announcement of a freeze, made in an interview with the Communist Party daily Pravda.

Gorbachev said the Soviet Union would halt deployment of SS-20 medium-range rockets in Europe until November, but would resume the sitings if there were no similar action taken by the West. He also said he accepted President Reagan's offer to hold a superpower summit.

Initial press and political reaction in Europe was divided between those who dismissed the Kremlin gesture as a ploy aimed at splitting the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, and those who hailed it as a breakthrough in the East-West impasse.

Paris' conservative newspaper Le Figaro said, "The Kremlin's 'good faith' gesture is aimed much less at the White House than at Moscow's targeted allies in Europe — the German, Dutch and Belgian pacifists. (It) is just so much smokescreen."

India to sue Union Carbide for damages

Associated Press

NEW YORK — The government of India filed suit Monday against the Union Carbide Corp. seeking unspecified damages for the December chemical leak which killed more than 2,000 people and injured thousands of others in the city of Bhopal.

The suit in U.S. District Court in Manhattan said that "because of the enormity of the Bhopal disaster, plaintiff is not currently able" to specify a dollar amount on the damages. A number of American lawyers, however, have filed separate suits seeking an estimated \$15 billion in damages for Bhopal victims.

The suit asks the U.S. court to award punitive damages "in an amount sufficient to deter Union Carbide or any other multinational corporation from the willful, malicious and wanton disregard of the rights and safety of the citizens of those countries in which they do business."

The suit charges Union Carbide with designing the plant negligently and with misrepresenting the safety of the facility.

It maintains that the Danbury, Conn.-based corporation is ultimately responsible for the accident, though the plant was operated by an Indian subsidiary of which Union Carbide held 50.9 percent ownership.

SHOE



by Jeff MacNelly

Regulations

Pentagon encourages local decision-making

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Jack Mahoney says that in 42 years of working for the Army, he encountered plenty of "silly rules" that led to waste.

However, he said, offering a suggestion for change would bring on the old "we've always done it this way" runaround.

In 1964, when he was a transportation officer at Fort Sill, Okla., Mahoney proposed a logical way to save money and time. His proposal: Stop requiring Army recruits with civilian licenses to take a military automobile driving test.

"It was a ridiculous, silly rule; we were giving 100 tests a week to soldiers who already proved they could drive," Mahoney said.

Ridiculous or not, Mahoney's superiors said that was the way it was done, and rejected his idea, not just once but three subsequent times.

Now, 20 years after he first suggested it, the Defense Department has not only implemented Mahoney's idea, it has given commanders at Fort Sill and 26 other military bases the right to eliminate any other unnecessary rules.

It all began three years ago, when Defense Department officials seeking less costly and better managed bases asked local commanders how they would feel if contract and rule-making actions were more centralized.

The response from the field was overwhelmingly negative, said Army Lt. Col. William Mullen, a Pentagon officer. "They said, 'We know what we're doing, leave us alone,'" Mullen said.

It's an experiment aimed at proving the Pentagon doesn't always know best and that doing things "by the book" is often as obsolete as a cavalry charge.

The result was the Model Installations Program, in which commanders at the Army, Air Force, Navy and Marine bases in the United States and overseas are encouraged to ask the services or the Defense Department for permission to alter or discard unnecessary regulations.

The first group of 15 installations was phased in gradually, beginning in late 1983; a few months ago, a dozen more were added. Four of the bases are overseas.

To encourage the bases to give the program high priority, any savings resulting from the rule changes are plowed back into the installation's budget.

At Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., authorities switched from military specifications to civilian building codes for on-base housing.

"This is an exaggeration, but in effect, they were building carpools on family houses that could withstand a direct hit from an 8-inch howitzer," Mullen said.

At Great Lakes Naval Training Center, near Chicago, new recruits who needed eyeglasses were outfitted with two pairs, even if they already had a civilian set. Now, recruits who have a pair of proper

glasses when they arrive get only one pair from the Navy. That will save about \$100,000 a year, said program manager Burton Krain.

At Kirtland Air Force Base, N.M., the commander instituted base-wide purchasing of copy machines. Instead of each office picking its own brand of copy machine from a Defense Department catalog, the base put a contract up for bid and got the machines at a lower overall price.

Hickham Air Force Base in Hawaii no longer buys its cooking equipment through Defense Department channels, a procedure that often took months. Now, if a toaster breaks down, officers can go downtown and buy a new one.

Col. Robert Zierak, in charge of the program at Fort Sill, said the base has wiped out between 300 and 400 regulations in the past two years, mostly at the suggestion of "worker bees."

Mahoney, who retired from Fort Sill two months ago as a civilian employee of the Army, finally had the pleasure of seeing his driving test suggestion enacted throughout the Army.

Fear of overzealous rule-slashing led the Defense Department to limit the program.

Nevertheless, Mullen added, the program has become a valuable "test bed" for innovation.

Referring to Mahoney's idea, Mullen said, "With a stroke of the pen they cut something that was a classic example of the dumbness of bureaucracy."

Professor's unique ministry combines business, religion

Associated Press

TACOMA, Wash. — Darrell Reeck is a Ph.D., a professor, an investment firm consultant, author, husband, father of two — and an ordained United Methodist minister whose unusual ministry is a new academic program designed to improve the business leadership skills of college students.

"I have a unique ministry to college students, and also to business," says the 45-year-old professor of religion at the University of Puget Sound here.

From his non-traditional pulpit, as co-director of the university's new business leadership program, he aims to add an ethical perspective to his students' intellects, help them better understand trends in society and culture, and teach them the vocabulary of big business.

Reeck, who specializes in ethics and society, has been teaching at the University of Puget Sound since 1969. "I came here straight from Sierra Leone, Africa, where I did my dissertation research on the social consequences of missionary activity in western Africa," he says.

Since arriving at the university he has been teaching business ethics and in 1979 began developing, with a colleague, the university's business leadership program, which he describes as a fusion of liberal arts and business concerns. The university enrolled its first class of 31 students in the program last fall.

The leadership program seeks to prepare students

for careers of sustained advancement and executive-level achievement, Reeck says.

"We have combined the academic with the practical and offer a rigorous course of study designed to equip students with the analytical tools and language of business," he explains. "This is accomplished while providing them with a broad understanding of the intellectual and cultural framework in which business functions."

"Business leaders have told us that graduates of business schools are too often poorly prepared for lifetime careers of increasing responsibility," he adds. "We've found that the typical business school graduate is deficient in the various things that liberal arts and humanities provide, namely communication skills, reasoning skills and, most importantly, the ability to make discerning judgments."

"Some business people feel that church people only stand at the sidelines of business and fire broadsides without knowing what they're talking about because they're not in business. But good business and doing the right thing, which is what religion teaches, should and do go together."

The university's new business leadership major emphasizes the humanities, but includes courses in financial accounting, marketing and management and business policy. It offers exposure to business leaders in the form of a mentorship.

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